

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 03978 211925Z

11

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 EA-11 NEA-14 IO-14 ISO-00 FEA-02

AGR-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-02 H-03

INR-10 INT-08 L-03 LAB-06 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01

AID-20 CIEP-02 SS-20 STR-08 TAR-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15

PRS-01 SP-03 OMB-01 SWF-02 DRC-01 AF-10 /245 W

----- 112063

R 211732Z JUN 74

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6623

INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS UNN

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 03978 211925Z

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 3978

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJ: MTN: TNC WORKING GROUP ON NTBS (3B) --  
PACKAGING AND LABELING

1. SUMMARY: NTB WORKING GROUP ON PACKAGING AND LABELING AGREED ON TEXT OF DRAFT SECTION OF REPORT TO TNC. END SUMMARY

2. NTB GROUP AT SECOND EXPERT LEVEL MEETING ON JUNE 18-19 FOCUSED ON THREE AREAS: (1) CLARIFICATION OF PROBLEMS; (2) WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD; (3) POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, ESPECIALLY APPLICABILITY OF PROPOSED STANDARDS CODE TO PACKAGING AND LABELING.

3. U.S. (KELLY) POINTED OUT THAT DRAFT GATT STANDARDS CODE IS APPLICABLE TO PROBLEMS OF PACKAGING AND LABELING AND THAT DEFINITION OF "STANDARD," AS SET FORTH IN ANNEX I OF CODE, SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO PACKAGING, MARKING OR LABELING. U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT CODE MIGHT NOT SOLVE ALL PACKAGING AND LABELING PROBLEMS, BUT, AS IN CASE OF STANDARDS, DRAFT CODE PROVIDES VEHICLE FOR DEALING WITH THEM. IN U.S. VIEW, GROUP HAS FAILED TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS NOT COVERED BY CODE. IN ANY CASE WHERE CODE IS NOT RELEVANT TO PACKAGING AND LABELING, IT COULD BE REVISED AS NECESSARY WHEN WORK ON CODE IS RESUMED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

4. NORDICS STRONGLY SUPPORTED U.S. ADDING THAT IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE WORK ON CODE, IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH PACKAGING AND LABELING PROBLEMS THROUGH

CODE RATHER THAN TO DRAFT A TOTALLY NEW INSTRUMENT. AT APPROPRIATE TIME POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CODE TO REFLECT WORK OF NTB GROUP COULD BE CONSIDERED. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE APPEARED TO BE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S., THEY  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 03978 211925Z

INDICATED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME AREAS NOT COVERED BY CODE. NONETHELESS, CODE COULD PROBABLY BE EXTENDED TO COVER SUCH SITUATIONS. CANADA AND POLAND ALSO GENERALLY SUPPORTED U.S. VIEW.

5. AS EXPECTED, EC (DERISBOURG) SUPPORTED BY SWITZERLAND SAID THAT CODE CLEARLY DID NOT COVER ALL PACKAGING AND LABELING PROBLEMS, E.G. STANDARD OF FILL REQUIRE-

MENTS, AND REITERATED VIEW THAT SINCE MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE ON PACKAGING AND LABELING, EXAMINATION BY NTB GROUP OF APPLICABILITY OF DRAFT STANDARDS CODE TO THESE PROBLEMS IN PREMATURE. IN EC VIEW, U.S. JUMPING GUN; GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND CLARIFY TRADE EFFECTS OF PACKAGING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE TAKING UP POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

6. AS AT LAST MEETING, JAPAN AGAIN ASSERTED THAT MARKS OF ORIGIN INCLUDED IN GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. GROUP AGREED THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO TNC.

7. LDCS PLAYED AMLOST NO ROLE IN MEETING.

8. AFTER TEDIOUS FIVE-HOUR DEBATE, GROUP APPROVED DRAFT SECTION OF REPORT TO TNC WHICH OUTLINES MAJOR TRADE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PACKAGING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS, NOTES WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN FIELD, AND DISCUSSES POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO BE ADOPTED. TEXT STATES THAT "MANY DELEGATIONS" (U.S. AND MOST OTHERS INCLUDING NORDICS, CANADA AND JAPAN) SAID THAT PROPOSED CODE DEALS WITH MOST PACKAGING AND LABELING PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, "OTHER DELEGATIONS" (EC AND SWITZERLAND) SAID THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DECIDE AT THIS STAGE AMONG POSSIBLE APPROACHES. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THAT MANY PROVISIONS OF THE CODE COULD BE APPLICABLE TO PROBLEMS OF PACKAGING AND LABELING.

9. COMMENT: DRAFT SECTION OF REPORT TO TNC ACCURATELY REFLECTS DELEGATIONS' VIEWS. CONSIDERING EC'S RELUCTANCE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ON APPLICABILITY OF CODE TO PACKAGING AND LABELING, TEXT IS PROBABLY BEST WE COULD HOPE FOR. FYI. DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT EC (SCHLOSSER) IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 GENEVA 03978 211925Z

INFORMAL CONVERSATION DURING ECE MEETING LAST WEEK IMPLIED THAT EC POSITION DICTATED BY FRENCH WHO DO NOT WISH TO RESUME WORK ON STANDARDS CODE AT EARLY DATE, IF AT ALL. END FYI. DALE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** STANDARDS, LABELING, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, PACKAGING  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 JUN 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974GENEVA03978  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740164-0129  
**From:** GENEVA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740625/aaaaavin.tel  
**Line Count:** 158  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 APR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <04 APR 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <18 JUN 2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MTN: TNC WORKING GROUP ON NTBS (3B) -- PACKAGING AND LABELING  
**TAGS:** ETRD, GATT  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005